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Although it is difficult to be precise, our information indicates that more than 100 Uruguayans have been detained in Argentina since ~~1975~~ out of country security operations began in 1975. After ~~starting~~ relatively few such arrests in 1975, the number swelled in 1976 and 1977, and declined again in 1978. (Comment: This follows the pattern noted in other human rights cases of ~~major intensification of~~ intensified anti-subversion measures in 1975-77, with a decline in such operations in 1978.) Herbert Schae of the UNHCR in Buenos Aires noted at a recent inter-Embassy human rights meeting that no new cases have been reported ~~since~~ since September, making this the longest period ~~since~~ without such a complaint.

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